

AN ACT

relating to the allocation of certain grants from the fund for veterans' assistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 434.017, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to read as follows:

(c-1) Every four years, the commission shall:

(1) conduct a needs assessment to identify the specific high-priority needs of veterans and the services available to address those needs;

(2) determine the grant categories that correspond to the needs identified under Subdivision (1); and

(3) identify any discrepancy between the needs identified under Subdivision (1) and the services available to address those needs.

(c-2) On completion of the needs assessment and other determinations under Subsection (c-1), the commission shall incorporate the results of the assessment and determinations into the commission's process for awarding grants from the fund for veterans' assistance.

SECTION 2. Not later than June 1, 2016, the Texas Veterans Commission shall conduct the initial needs assessment, make determinations, and incorporate the results of the assessment and determinations as required by Sections 434.017(c-1) and (c-2),

1 Government Code, as added by this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1879 passed the Senate on April 20, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1879 passed the House on May 15, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor